

## COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

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TO: All County and District Superintendents, Deans of Institutions of Higher Education, Credential Analysts and Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

FROM: Philip Fitch, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Resident Tuition Benefits For Employed Credentialed Educators

*California Education Code § 68078 provides as follows:*

*A student holding a valid credential authorizing service in the public schools of this state who is employed by a school district in a full-time position requiring certification qualifications for the college year in which the student enrolls in an institution shall be entitled to resident classification if such student meets any of the following requirements:*

*(a) Holding of a provisional credential and enrollment at an institution in courses necessary to obtain another type of credential authorizing service in the public schools.*

*(b) Holding a credential issued pursuant to Section 44250 and enrollment at an institution in courses necessary to fulfill credential requirements.*

*(c) Enrollment at an institution in courses necessary to fulfill the requirements for a fifth year of education prescribed by subdivision (b) of Section 44259.*

*Cal. Ed. Code § 44250 which is referenced in Cal. Ed. Code § 68078 permits the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue both teaching and services credentials, while Cal. Ed. Code § 44259 (b) includes a fifth year of study as one of the minimum requirements for a clear or professional teaching credential.*

*The Commission on Teacher Credentialing interprets Cal. Ed. Code § 68078 to mean that in order to be eligible for the exception provided therein, i.e. classification as a resident for enrollment in a California Institution of Higher Education, the following requirements must be met:*

- 1. A student must be in compliance with subsection (a), (b) or (c) of Cal. Ed. Code § 68078; and*
- 2. A student must hold a valid credential authorizing service in California public schools; and*
- 3. A student must be employed full-time by a school district during the year he or she will attend; and*
- 4. The student's position with the school district must require certification qualifications.*

*This information should be of particular interest to newly employed teachers who are also new to California and have not yet established resident classification.*